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Cambridge bus service is deemed unnecessary

Even though there are about 280 people from the Cambridge area studying at Doon, there is no public transportation available to these students between the two districts.

City of Cambridge officials say that they have no jurisdiction to cross the city boundaries with the existing Cambridge transit. In this case, Highway 401 marks the boundary between Cambridge and Doon.

As each school year starts in September, the bus problem arises for the new students. The Cambridge Transit Commission is used to receiving calls around that time of the year.

"There have been some inquiries about it. At the start of each term there are about three or four calls coming through," said Vince Hastings, superintendent for the City of Cambridge. "But we are not licensed to go outside the city limits. This is provincial law. We can take disabled persons to Kitchener for medical reasons only."

Hastings said that to get a license to cross the city limits would entail going through many bureaucratic steps.

"We would have to have a public vehicle license. To get this, there is a hearing to see if

someone already has that part of the city. This is so that we won't have five buses on the same roads," he said. "It's very tight and it's a good idea because otherwise it would mean chaos in the streets and too much competition."

Canada Coach is the only busline licensed to cross the city limits. It used to have a bus passing through Blair Road and Fountain Street to accommodate students from Cambridge, but that bus route was cancelled because not enough people were using it to cover costs.

Hastings agrees that the problem is not significant enough to merit too much attention.

"Last September we got a call from a girl complaining about the lack of bus service. We asked her to find out how many people would use the bus if there was one. She phoned us back and admitted that she could only find two."

"The demand is not really there. There are a lot of children taking courses at Doon but they get in there with car pools," said Hastings.

Most of the students asked whether they would use a bus if one was available said that "Only if my car broke down." It

seems that the majority are quite content with paying high gasoline prices or getting a ride from a friend rather than depend on public transportation.

There are presently only three people seeking rides to and from Cambridge, according to the ride board on the hall of the main building at Doon.

For those who don't have a car or a friend with a car, they can either hitchhike, as some do, or go through the present bus route available. Canada Coach leaves downtown Galt every morning at 7:45. It will reach Fairview Mall at about 8:25. This bus trip costs \$1.10. One can then catch a Kitchener Transit bus from Fairview Mall to Doon campus, either at 8:25 or at 8:45. Either way, some of the morning class will be missed if it starts at 8:30, as most do, for it takes at least 15 minutes for the bus trip from Fairview to Doon. This second trip costs another 60 cents.

It might be worth looking into a more efficient and economical bus service for students but maybe transportation officials are aware of something that we're not. Maybe they've discovered that students are not as financially troubled as they claim to be.



Bob Neath practices what he preaches on the courts.

Conestoga hires Athletic Director

Robert (Bob) Neath, a former employee of the Community Services Department in Cambridge, has become the new Director of Athletics and Student Activities for Conestoga College.

Neath originally attended school in Hamilton before working in the Accounting and Sales Department of the Steel Company of Canada. Deciding that he wasn't interested in that field of work, he enrolled in the physical education programme at McMaster University.

The course must have agreed with him, because after he completed the programme, he went on to Mohawk College in Recreational Leadership.

In 1974 Neath came to Cambridge to fill the position of Superintendent of Community Programmes. He was in charge of 22 full-time employees, and organizing the community development programme.

"After eight years I felt I needed a change," he said, explaining his move to Conestoga. Neath enjoyed his work at Cambridge, but felt that this experience was a positive move in his career, as well as a challenge.

He received the news of his new employment back in December of 1981.

"I was very pleased to get it," he said.

Married with one girl, Aaron, his wife Jane is the manager of

the Residential Services for the Cambridge Association for the Mentally Retarded.

Neath has been involved with other functions other than his responsibilities in Cambridge. He is a member of the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation of Ontario. In 1979 he became the president of the Recreational Association of West Central Ontario, for which there are approximately 150 members. He served a one-year term as president.

He is also the treasurer of Knox Presbyterian Church in Cambridge.

Neath's new responsibilities deal chiefly with the administrative functions involved with the provision of services related to student athletics and activities.

His aim at the moment is the marketing programme of the Centre — to make the community aware of the services that it provides. He feels that the Centre has great potential, but the community is not taking advantage of its facilities.

Neath is looking forward to his work.

"I'm quite impressed with the professionalism of the staff here. The ASA is very well organized."

Neath would like to get in touch with the students.

"I want to encourage any student with ideas to drop in at my office," he said.



Lloyd Hertel removes the doorknob from portable 16 to rescue four students trapped inside.

Busy morning for Bob

It was a busy morning for Bob Gilberts, Friday, January 8. Moments after a daring rescue of students trapped in one of the portables, the Doon campus security officer was investigating a fire on the top floor of the main building.

At 9:30, the door lock on Portable 16 jammed, trapping four students inside. All efforts to extricate the lock failed until Gilberts and maintenance man Lloyd Hertel arrived on the scene. Gilberts ordered the door knob removed and, after 30 gruelling minutes of confinement, the students were freed.

Meanwhile, in the photo studios of 4B17, a fire broke out, caused by a studio lamp placed too close to a reflector. The blaze was quickly extinguished before two fire trucks arrived. There were no injuries and damage was limited to the reflector and some loose paper.

(Names have been withheld to protect the embarrassed.)

Education reform could be a while

by Mark Hall

With the help (and expense) of yet another federal study, Ottawa has finally reached the conclusion that Canada's future depends on the quality and, more important, the direction of its education. So, acting quickly on recommendations, federal Employment Minister Lloyd Axworthy has proposed a revamping of the government's \$860-million-a-year job-training program.

The revamped program, coupled with Axworthy's stricter rules over immigration of skilled workers, will be one giant step toward better employment figures — provided implementation of the plans does not get bogged down on the playing field of federal-provincial politics.

The proposed changes are not radical, but basic common sense. Ottawa will keep a finger on the pulse of Canada's labor market by developing a manpower forecasting system with the private sector and setting a list of national job priorities. Federal money will be diverted from training in jobs which have a surplus of workers and steered toward education in the areas which are designated as being of high demand. Also, financial aid to industries which provide training in the designated areas will be increased.

All this in an effort to meet the predicted shortage of skilled laborers and, subsequently, ease record high unemployment.

Naturally, there is opposition to Axworthy's plans. Greater emphasis will be placed on job-oriented studies and right now we need welders, tool-and-die makers, computer technologists and sheet-metal workers. The academe fears that this could lead to restructuring of university programs, playing down the academic side of higher education. But, Statistics Canada figures show that last year unemployment among university grads was higher than for the population as a whole. A degree serves little purpose without a job to accompany it.

There will also be some jobs lost as programs deemed low priority are cut back or folded. Again, we must look at the employment picture as a whole and make sacrifices.

But, not surprisingly, the greatest opposition comes from the provinces. They claim Axworthy has tread on their constitutional territory of education. The minister expected this provincial stance and replied by stating that if they want to continue with training programs that do not fit the national priorities then they will have to do so without federal money.

And the game started off in the usual manner. Both parties went into meetings last Monday standing firm in their convictions and little was achieved.

As with the constitution debates, oil talks and almost all other functions in which Ottawa and the provinces must join hands, it appears a solution will be long in coming. Of course, the politicians and mandarins wouldn't have as much fun if the matter was settled quickly.

But something has to be done, and done quickly, for, on the sidelines, unemployment continues its upward swing while industry cries out for skilled workers. Lloyd Axworthy has come up with some viable solutions and the sooner all participants realize the benefits of co-operation, the sooner ideas can be put into action.



Finding housing is difficult for students

Unfortunately for the students at Conestoga College there are no special housing services. The students are practically left on their own to find accommodations during the school term.

Since the college itself has no residences the surrounding cities of Cambridge and Kitchener-Waterloo are usually where the students reside.

That is where the battle begins. The only help the college offers in finding housing for students is a small board with names and descriptions of some local accommodations.

The registrar's office offers to students in July a next to useless list of available accommodations. The only bit of useful advice they offer students is if they don't have a car to find a place along the bus route.

The main problems students encounter when looking for a

place to live is the rent payment and being a student.

Many landlords are reluctant to rent to students because it is a bad investment.

Unfortunately some students have a habit of damaging property and not paying for it. Students can also drop out of school and leave the landlord empty-handed with no tennant.

The accommodations that are available to the students on the board in the college could be classified as just places to survive or a basic shelter. The prices range from \$100 to \$240 a month.

Some of the rooms available have the utilities paid for. Others don't. Some accommodations offer appliances and other don't. The smaller places offer one room for a student. The luxury accommodations offered four big rooms.

It is a definite challenge for a student to find accommodations with very little help from the college. Struggling students with practically no money hate to go home at night to a lonely one-room home.

Others are better off with a nice apartment, but can find themselves in financial stress when a roommate leaves.

Students may find themselves at each other's throats. Not just anybody can share living quarters in harmony. The best solution to the housing problem for Conestoga students is for the student to get out there and look for a place. Take every suggestion and don't give up.

Offices of the Canadian Home Locaters will, for a fee, provide an up-to-date list of all the local openings.

It is a usefull service if a student wishes to pay the \$35.

WEP reflects changing world

The Women's Education Program (WEP) offered through Conestoga College has been running for five years. Its aim is to explore and reflect the changing concerns that affect women in today's changing world. This winter, WEP is offering courses that have been successful in past years.

Starting dates range from January 27 to April 1, and the courses will be given at either the Cambridge YWCA, 40 Thorne St., or at the Cambridge Family UMCA, Queens Square.

Some of the courses offered this year are Dialogue With New Canadian Women which begins at the YWCA on Wednesday, January 27, at 7 p.m. Discussion of legal rights, female workers, and aspects of the Canadian health system are among the subjects to be discussed in this five week course. It is held Wednesday evenings and the cost is \$8.

Money Management meets at the Cambridge Family YWCA at 7:30 p.m. and begins on Monday, February 15. This course is intended to expand consumer awareness through group participation and activity oriented discussion. Financial decision-making, budgets and use of credit and consumer protection laws are among the topics to be discusses. The fee is \$15.

Women And The Law begins at

the YWCA on Thursday, April 1, at 7:30 p.m. Participants will have a chance to discuss with a lawyer the implications of the Family Law Reform Act. Some areas to be examined are: domestic contracts, property ownership and support obligation. The fee for this five week course is \$15.

The course sizes are deliberately kept small to allow for

friendly interaction and open sharing of participants' ideas, thoughts and concerns.

To register for any of the Cambridge courses, contact the Continuing Education Office, Cambridge Campus, 1305 Bishop St. N., Cambridge N1R 6Z2, or telephone (519) 623-4898. Office hours are noon - 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. - noon on Friday.

Service prepares students for future employment

Getting a job can be a very frustrating time if you are unprepared, but there is help and it can be found "on" campus free of charge. Career Services found in portable 14 is designed to help you obtain employment.

They offer a variety of services that can help you prepare for the often disappointing prospect of finding a job.

If you have had any trouble writing a resume, workshops are conducted on a regular basis. If it is simply a matter of finding employers, job notices are placed in the college for full-time, part-time and summer jobs, and lists can be found in the Career Services office. The lists include 300 employer profiles that have hired before, and

they can be used individually. If you have never had an interview or lack confidence, mock interviews can be arranged with the staff.

Job interviews are held either at the college or at the employers place of business, and there is a high placement rate. The total of graduates who were placed in 1980-81 was 97.4%, and graduates placed in related employment was 91.9%. Staff members are available to come into the classrooms to discuss how to search for a job and write resumes.

There are only three other centers like this in our area and the one on our campus is here to help make finding a job easier. The outlook for future jobs is not as grim as would be expected.

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Too busy for a feature

Students angered by facilities at Waterloo

Dealing with red tape is not Nicoll's only problem. He and council must also function without funds, since all the students with the exception of those in the Food and Beverage program are enrolled in Manpower courses and are not required to pay an activities fee.

In order to raise funds student council members are holding weekly 50-50 draws. Nicoll hopes the proceeds will help finance on-campus pubs.

Presently pubs are held every Friday at the Waterloo Motor Inn since they are not allowed to take place in the cafeteria. According to Nicoll no reason has been given why the students cannot hold their own pubs. Student council member Dorothy Demmerling says, "Maybe since we are taking Manpower courses they feel we should simply complete our work and leave. Maybe they feel school and fun don't mix, but they do!"

Although the Motor Inn allows the students to bring in their own music and offers free chicken wings, the students are anxious to have control of their own pubs.

As well as trying to organize social events, council members are also trying to establish co-ed sports activities. Although many students have expressed interest in participating in an athletic program Nicoll says many students who attend the Waterloo campus do not own cars therefore council is trying to arrange a bus service to transport students to the Conestoga Centre and back again.

As well as having to contend with a lack of leisure activities students must also contend with inadequate facilities.

Although there is a bookstore

on campus students can only purchase pens, pencils and textbooks. Paper, notebooks and other necessities must be purchased off-campus.

Students also have access to a library which many people feel is below par since there are only three shelves of books and a small variety of paperback novels.

How would you feel if you wanted to sit down, relax and have a cigarette during one of your spares and the only place you could go was to the cafeteria? Or, what would you think if you had to compete with 650 students for two sets of washrooms?

You would probably be extremely upset just like many of the students at the Waterloo Conestoga campus who have to contend with these problems, and more.

According to Waterloo Student Association President Ken Nicoll, problems have arisen because the students seem, "lost in a maze of red tape."

A maze of red tape is a very accurate description. The registrars office is so inefficient and unorganized that they could not tell Spoke how many students are enrolled or how many classes are offered, but Nicoll could.

Nicoll cites his own example of red tape by referring to the issue of video games. Eight weeks ago Nicoll requested that a Space Invaders game be installed in the cafeteria. No one answered the request so last week the frustrated student council sent a letter informing the proper authorities that the game had been ordered and unless there are any objections, the game will be installed next week.

Nicoll also cites the problem of the students not having a lounge. According to Nicoll no one can give the council members an answer as to why the students cannot have a lounge.



Ken Nicholl, president of the WSA, is annoyed with the lack of facilities at Waterloo Campus.

Computers purchased with grant

Conestoga College will establish a computer-assisted manufacturing program with its share of \$13 million in provincial grants to Ontario colleges, says Jack Williams, Director of Finance and Administration Operations.

Bette Stephenson, minister of colleges and universities, announced last week that these funds would be made available to colleges for the purchase of

high technology equipment.

The college has already purchased three computers with the \$700,000 it received as its share of the grant. They are on campus at Doon and ready for operation.

The computers have been designed to be used in manufacturing.

"They are guided not by human hands, but by computer input information. They select

their own tools, place that tool in the machine, do the work on the metal or whatever you are using. They continue selecting the appropriate tool until the job is completed."

The rest of the provincial grant will be used to increase the college's capabilities in the field of telecommunications, says Williams, involving primarily the electronic technology technicians program.

Program aids victims with cancer

Starting on January 27, a Coping with Cancer programme will be running for residents of the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

The Canadian Cancer Society (Ontario Division) is beginning the programmes throughout the province. The meetings will provide an opportunity for people with cancer and their families to meet others in the same situation. Through this interaction, these victims should come to an understanding of how to cope with the disease.

The groups are run by people who have had experience and recent daily contact with cancer patients. The group leaders must take a training program that is endorsed by the cancer society. They are not authorized to give medical or psychiatric advice, but they can make referrals for people seeking such help.

People who are too ill to attend are not excluded from the programme. Home consultation can be arranged.

The meetings will begin on Wednesday, January 27 at the Adult Recreation Centre, King and Allan Streets, in Waterloo at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are every other Wednesday.

Cambridge also has a programme set up. It starts on Wednesday, January 13 at the Cambridge campus of Conestoga College, at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are also every alternate Wednesday.

Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact the cancer society either at 886-8888 or 623-7144.

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Vice-president resigns

The Doon Student Association has lost one vice-president and almost acquired another one without even realizing it.

Kevin Nosalik, the vice-president of Conestoga College vacated the position when he quit his courses at Conestoga. He was attending the college for Mechanical Engineering. Apparently he was not satisfied with the course or what it was offering so he quit in late October or early November.

When Spoke contacted the DSA on January 6, Bill Thompson a student at the college said he was acting unofficially as the vice-president. He was helping with the winter carnival but had no authority to handle cheques or any type of budgeting.

The DSA secretary Janelle Zettel was unaware of Thompson's involvement even though they were sitting in the same office.

At that time the DSA had not made any plans as to the action they were going to take regarding the vice-president's position. Thompson was willing to run for vice-president. It was also rumored that the treasurer John Lowater would be a possible candidate. This rumor was ended when it became apparent

that it would take too long to train a new treasurer.

When Spoke contacted the DSA for the second time on January the whole situation had changed. John Lowater said that Bill Thompson would not be placed in the position of vice-president.

Lowater stated that the vice-president's position would most likely be eliminated for the remainder of the year. Since winter carnival has been looked after, DSA should be able to handle situations with out a vice-president.

The third and final meeting of Spoke and the DSA occurred on January 13. It was with the president of the DSA Dan Ryans who was not available for the earlier meetings.

Ryan cleared up the former confusion by saying that there would be no election concerning the vice-president's position. The position would be eliminated for the remainder the term. He also said that Bill Thompson would definitely not run.

"This decision was made because the DSA has everything under control and a vice-president is not needed for the remainder of the term," said Ryans.

Overeaters offers encouragement and outlet for frustration

Imagine the thrill of fitting into an airplane seat, being able to fasten the seat belt, and getting the small table to come all the way down to your lap. This might not sound like much to some people, but if you've always been fat, it is indeed an accomplishment.

This and other experiences were shared in a recent meeting of the Overeaters Anonymous in Cambridge. The group consists of people who cannot handle their weight problems on their own.

Contrary to popular belief, fat people are not necessarily jolly people. Their weight accounts for various problems, frustrations, fears and guilt feelings. Although some joke and insist that fat is beautiful, and some might very well believe this, most feel self-conscious and inferior in a society that seems to put more stress on how people look rather than on how people feel and think.

Overeaters is not a health club nor a weight-losing clinic. It is merely a place where people can meet and share their frustrations. No one is obliged to talk, or come to every meeting, although members are encouraged to share their experiences and problems at home. Most come when the need arises for a friend who can understand the problem.

With its "eat to live and not live to eat" theme, the group meets once a week.

Unlike other clubs, Overeaters does not put one down if weight is gained or none is lost. There is no diet to follow. The aim here is to deal with the emotional aspect first. Hopefully, members will learn to handle their condition and go on from there. Obesity is regarded and treated as an illness. Emotions are believed to be the root of the problem, as one member admitted it.

"I have suppressed my emotions for years. The only way I could handle them was to eat."

The group offers a chance to speak out and be heard and sympathized with.

"You can talk about things that you wouldn't ordinarily because people feel you're a freak," said one member.

"Here I learned that half the population in Canada is overweight. I thought I was the only

fat person in the world."

Daily problems that these people are faced with are shared.

"I feel like a freak on a beach. People stare and they don't even seem to care that they're hurting your feelings," another member said. "Now I've learned that if they're gawking, they've got the problem."

Why do people get fat? There are probably as many reasons as there are fat people. They vary from genetic to personal and mental problems. Excuses are abundant. Bearing children is a popular excuse for women. While Overeaters is open to men and women, few men want to participate. They insist that it's only muscle, but, before they know it, their beer-bellies reach their knees.

Even in this small group everyone had a different excuse.

"I used to blame my mom and dad for being fat because I had to eat everything in my plate," one said.

"I blamed my husband's business trips for my eating binges," said another.

"I used to blame my husband's drinking," another member said.

But being fat can become a personal trauma. Many feel ugly, unwanted, and unloved.

In addition to psychological problems, there are physical pains to contend with.

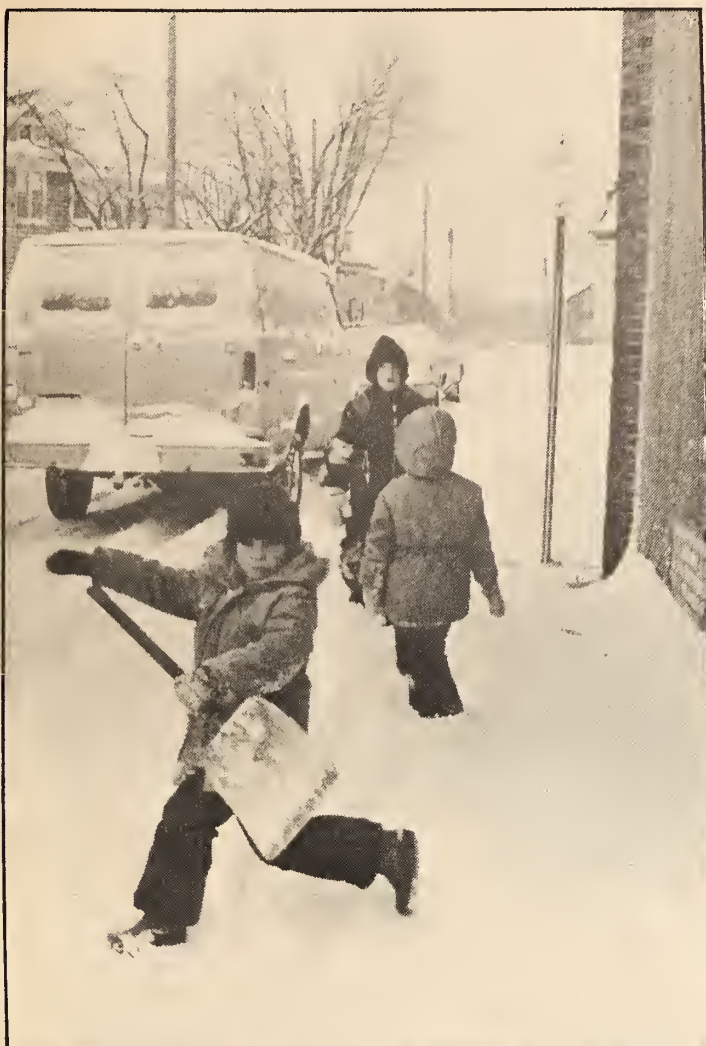
"In the morning, I feel like a tinman that hasn't been oiled for a year," one woman said.

The group sees television and advertising in general as an enemy. Not only do the media enforce the tall and slim look, but are also flooded with food advertisements. Overeaters feel that many people are getting rich on fat people's problems by inventing fad diets that promise a lot but deliver nothing.

With this understanding, they meet not to share diet recipes, or weight-losing tricks. They meet instead to let each other know that they are not alone, that someone understands and cares, and that there's hope. They share their fears and their dreams, some of which would sound silly to an outsider.

"When I lose weight, I'd really like to wear a pair of high-heel shoes. I haven't worn them since I was 18.

It's snow way to spend a day



Everyone joined in to dig out.

Conestoga college students and many area residents enjoyed a holiday Monday after the weekend blizzard. Sub-zero temperatures, violent 70 km-plus winds and blowing snow closed schools and many businesses in the region and made driving hazardous. By Monday afternoon, however, when the winds subsided, many took advantage of the holiday to try out their cross-country skis, snowmobiles or tobaggans on unploughed roads and sidewalks. Others just used the time to dig out.



The campus was deserted Monday except for Peter Higgins opening the roadways.



Horses near campus still took their daily run.



The holiday gave students an opportunity to try out skis.



Even the Lake Walker tried out his new skis.

Entertainment

Valdy: next week's pub

If someone asked you what you thought of Valdemar Horsdal you probably wouldn't even have an idea who he is. Horsdal along with Bully Hill will be appearing at the El Condor pub this Thursday. Valdemar Horsdal, better known as Valdy, is undoubtedly one of Canada's most renowned musicians and songwriters.

His music is a refreshing change from the new wave and heavy metal sounds that our ears constantly encounter. He sings of love, freedom, and the simple life but that is not what makes Valdy such a special artist because people will argue that there are numerous artists who deal with the very same topics. The difference is that Valdy makes his points effec-

tively without sounding redundant and corny. His points are made clear in his lyrics unlike some songs that have underlying meanings that the listener has to figure out for himself.

An example of this is the title song of his sixth album, 'Hot Rocks'. This song is about nuclear pollution, and is self-explanatory. There is no battling with words and meanings.

Guitar strumming, so dominant in his songs, is unmistakably one of the self-taught guitarist's trademarks, along with the unmuddled production work found on his albums.

To date, Valdy has released seven albums and one which he recorded with the Hometown Band, who toured with him a few years ago. One of its former

members, Shari Ulrich, has recently gone solo.

Although he has only had one song that can be considered a major hit: Rock And Roll Song, which by the way has become a standard, people are familiar with his name and music. But success does not seem to go to his head. His music, a reflection of himself and his life, show him as simple man.

Valdy even took two years off prior to the release of Hot Rocks. During that time he composed very little at his home in Salt Spring Island.

Having grown up in a musical environment, with his mother playing various instruments including piano, violin and accordion, becoming a musician was inevitable.

Grotty Beats at Conestoga

Remember the '60s when four young lads who called themselves The Beatles dominated the music scene? They are so unforgettable. This past Thursday these sounds were relived when the Grottybeats played a sold out El Condor pub.

The crowd started to fill the room long before the group made their appearance on stage. They were a dancing crowd, anxious and ready to have a good time. People who

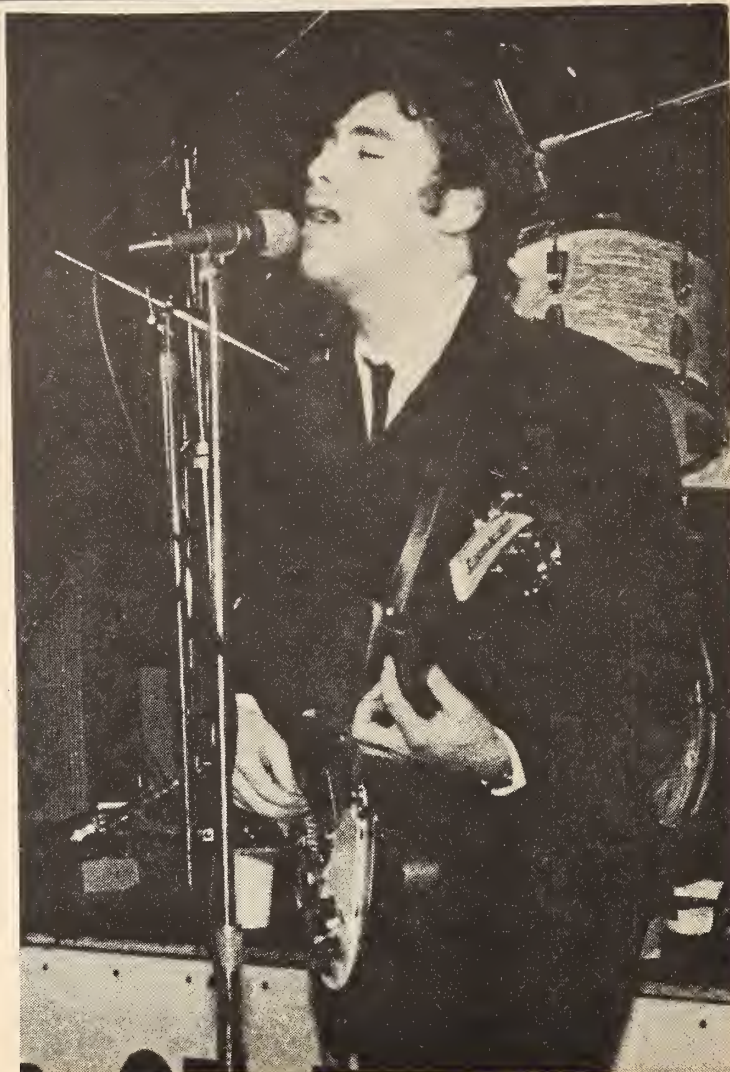
came weren't disappointed. Trying to make your way through the dance floor without encountering a few stepped on toes and jabs was nearly impossible.

The group's repertoire included more than just Beatles' songs. During the second set (members now wearing parachute jumpsuits) they featured their original material along with other cover tunes by groups such as the Kinks and the Who.

"Any labelling of this band as a Beatles imitation is sadly misinformed and robs the band of its creative integrity," said guitarist and vocalist Martin Gladstone.

The barrier between group and audience was broken down that night as the band seemed to have enjoyed playing as much as the crowd did watching.

For those who missed the Grottybeats; you missed a good time. Well maybe next year.



Martin Gladstone, guitarist and vocalist with the Grottybeats.

Record review

Zingers!

Absolute Beginners
The Jam
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Absolute Beginners, a collection of five English 45 sides on a 12-inch extended play, shows a good cross-section of The Jam's work and hints about the content of their next album, scheduled for February.

The Jam are huge in England, but have only put a minor dent in the Canadian charts. This is partially because of the originality of the music and the highly British attitudes and sound.

Heavily soul-influenced and danceable, Absolute Beginners, their most recent British single, opens Side One. However, the two-man horn section that The Jam uses on this (and in their current live show) take away some of the power which has always been a strong point in their music.

Their last album, Sound Affects, has a song, Start!, which also used horns, but they simply filled in space near the end of the tune. In Beginners, the horns are more integrated and more of a major part in the song.

Their next l.p. is promised to have soul and feeling. Well, the feeling has been evident in all their other work (five albums and numerous singles) and if this song is an indication of the future, long-time Jam fans may be disappointed.

Closing side one is When You're Young, a single from 1979. It shows the difference from their current work. Hard, fast, and driving, strengthened by thick powerchords, it is from an era (1978-1980) many consider to be their best. This includes

their album, All Mod Cons and it's singles, this single and another, Strange Town, their next l.p. Setting Sons, and climates with their most popular song, the single Going Underground, which entered the British charts at Number One in 1980.

When You're Young is the best song on the e.p., but seems out of place with the other two songs on the side.

Side two has Funeral Pyre, the single previous to Beginners, and the b-side from their other number one single in 1980, Start!

Funeral Pyre is a good song, with a catchy arrangement, but hardly classic, while Liza Radley is almost folk music and very good, but they have done better.

The cohesiveness and quality of this e.p. could have been helped with a couple of changes. First of all, put Funeral Pyre on Side One, switching When You're Young to second song on Side Two. Opening that side should be Going Underground. Why the powers at Polydor Records neglected to include The Jam's biggest song, which remains unreleased in Canada, is still a mystery.

Nonetheless, Absolute Beginners should tide Jam fans over for now and perhaps make a few new ones. Paul Weller (vocalist/guitarist/songwriter extraordinaire), Bruce Foxton (bass), and Rick Buckler (drums), are three talented young men who will probably continue their success in England. Whether they hit the top spot here is another story, unfortunately, knowing the unoriginality of the Canadian music scene.

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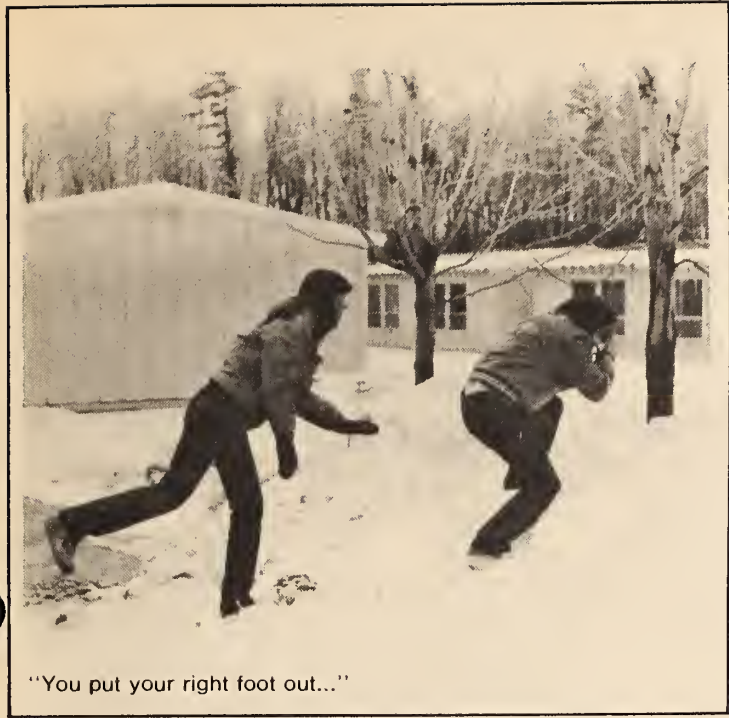
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"You put your right foot out..."

Disturbing examination of press responsibility

Karen Jones

Absence of Malice is one of the best films to come out of 1981. Unfortunately, it is not a film for everyone. It can't really be called entertainment.

The movie deals with the timely problem of the power and responsibility of the press. Producer-director Sydney Pollack successfully transfers the screenplay - written by ex-Detroit Free Press editor, Kurt Luedtke - from paper to film.

Paul Newman plays Michael Gallagher, the middle-aged son of a bootlegger. Gallagher runs a completely legitimate business, but he wakes one morning to find his picture on the front page of a large newspaper, and himself a prime suspect in the disappearance of an important

union leader.

Sally Field plays the part of Megan, an eager journalist who unwittingly becomes a pawn of the district attorney.

However, everyone underestimates Michael Gallagher, and much of the movie chronicles his ingenious method of revenge.

Absence of Malice raises extremely thought-provoking questions and bitter ironies. For example, the film shows that people who leak information are generally better protected than the people that the information concerns.

The acting in the movie is of an extremely high calibre. Newman plays the part of the frustrated Gallagher to perfection, showing that he is still

improving on his craft after almost 25 years in films.

Field's Megan is portrayed convincingly as she comes to realize the impact of her position, and that her somewhat idealistic view of newspapers and their functions is not entirely correct.

Sydney Pollack, best known for directing The Way We Were, and The Electric Horseman, successfully combines complex characters, beautiful scenery, and hard-hitting questions in his latest film.

Absence of Malice is without violence, and virtually without sex, but it is not a film that can be easily forgotten. It leaves one nagging question; just because it's accurate, is it true?

Karen Jones

Coming up...

There is a ski trip going to Collingwood, January 22, 1982. It is open to all students. The cost is \$16, and includes bus and ski lift. A one hour lesson will cost \$3.50, and ski rental is \$7. The bus leaves the Doon Campus at 7 a.m. and leaves Collingwood at 5 p.m. Sign up at the D.S.A. office by January 19, 1982.

Guelph Students Association presents The Good Brothers at The Maryhill Knights of Columbus Hall, Wednesday, January 20, 1982. Tickets are 5.00 in advance, \$6 at the door. For tickets and more information contact Loretta McKenzie at the Students Activities Office.

Valdy and Bully Hill will be featured at the pub, Thursday, January, 21, 1982. Tickets are 3.00 in advance and \$3.50 at the door.

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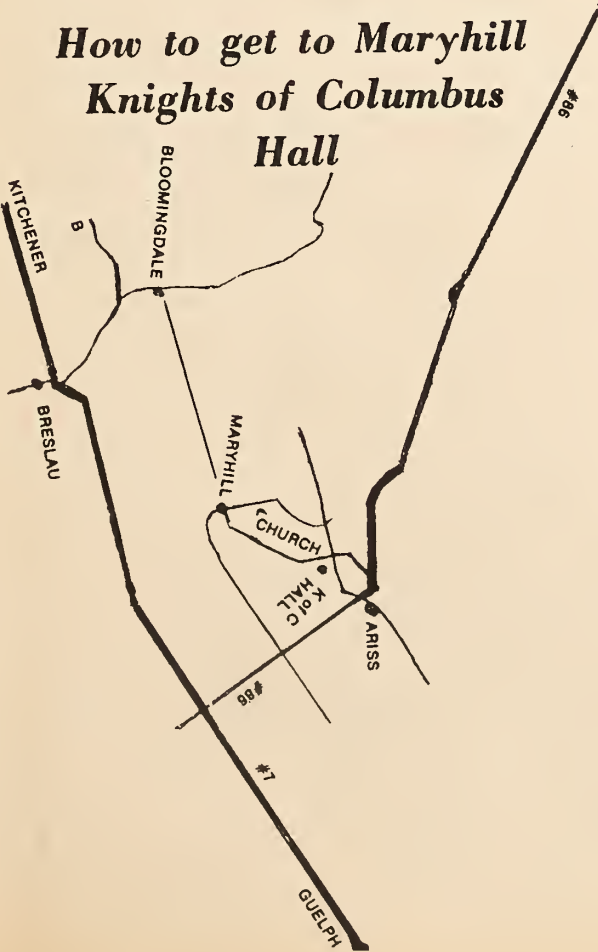
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How to get to Maryhill Knights of Columbus Hall



The Tribe
Bari Wood
Signet 1981

For seven unnecessary months, Major Bianco waited in Nuremberg. For seven months, he waited for an answer. When he got the answer, he knew that the question should never have been asked.

Why, in the death camp of Belzec, was a small group of well-fed and relatively healthy Jews liberated, when all around them, other Jews has been slaughtered throughout the Second World War? All of the occupants of Barracks 554 survived the war, all from the same village of Dabrowa, Poland. Not only that but, "35 Jews ate

applesauce and canned fish while the SS ate garbage. Why?"

Almost 40 years later, a group of young boys is found hideously murdered and dismembered after killing a Rabbi's son. Their bodies are covered in a mysterious powdery-grey clay; identical to a substance that had been found in Barracks 554, Belzec.

When Rachel Levy's husband is murdered, she turns to her father-in-law, Rabbi Jacob Levy for support. The Rabbi is a well-loved and much respected, quiet-spoken man. He is constantly surrounded by a group of friends, all old Jews, with one exception. Roger Hawkins is Levy's surrogate son, and was Adam's best friend. His presence is not appreciated by

Levy's other friends who resent the intrusion of an outsider.

More deaths occur, and they are not as justifiable as the first.

As police inspector Hawkins investigates, he finds out some very disturbing things about his friend Jacob Levy and the other men. Together, he and Rachel finally unravel the awful truth, and are forced to confront a Jewish monster born out of ancient legend and brought to life in the twentieth century.

The Tribe is a very well-written story. The characters are all interesting and believable. The plot flows well and there are no inconsistencies. Bari Wood's latest book is a satisfying addition to her other two bestsellers, The Killing Gift, and The Twins.

Cinema

Chase has problems

Modern Problems is a movie made just for fun. The plot is of the boy loses the girl, the boy get the girl back type. But the way boy, Chevy Chase, gets the girl back is the fun part.

At the beginning Chase's live-in girlfriend decides to move out and take up with someone else.

Driving home from a depressing party Chase gets stuck behind a truck carrying nuclear waste that springs a leak. The waste covers Chase's car, giving him some strange powers.

From then on it's no more Mr. Nice Guy for Chase and he not uses his powers to ruin the integrity of his girlfriend's new boyfriend but also gets back at some other people he doesn't like.

Modern Problems is Chase's first role where he gets most of the movie time, unlike other films like Foul Play where he got only a small portion of the screen time.

Chase plays an excellent good guy gone nasty and his facial expressions and speech really help carry the laughs.

Modern Problems is almost a satire on movies like Carrie and The Exorcist and the result is hilarious.

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Sports

Condors beat Oldtimers in warm up to crucial week

by Ken Chambers

It was the men against the boys, but this time it was the boys who came out on top.

The Conestoga College hockey Condors used the advantages of youth and conditioning to outlast the Kitchener-Waterloo Saints Oldtimers 7-3 last Wednesday night at the Conestoga Centre.

The Oldtimers are a group of enthusiastic hockey players all over the age of 35. Each of the 17 players on the team were chosen from teams in the Kitchener-Waterloo Oldtimer's league to compete in oldtimer's tournaments throughout Ontario.

The exhibition contest was a tune-up for the Condors, as they head into a crucial week of their schedule in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association league.

The Condors play three games in seven days, beginning Saturday night in Windsor against St. Clair, and the outcome of the week should determine the team's playoff hopes.

Conestoga is currently in seventh spot in the league with five points (two wins, four losses and a tie). St. Clair is tied with Canadore College at six points, just one up on the Condors. Canadore will be at the Conestoga Centre next Friday afternoon to take on the Condors.

The Humber Hawks, presently undefeated in six league games will also take on the Condors next Wednesday night.

"This next week should really tell the tale" said Condors coach

Dan Young after the Oldtimers game. "We play Humber, which is undefeated, but we first have to be concerned with St. Clair."

The Condors defeated the Saints in their first league game of the season last October and are hoping for a repeat performance.

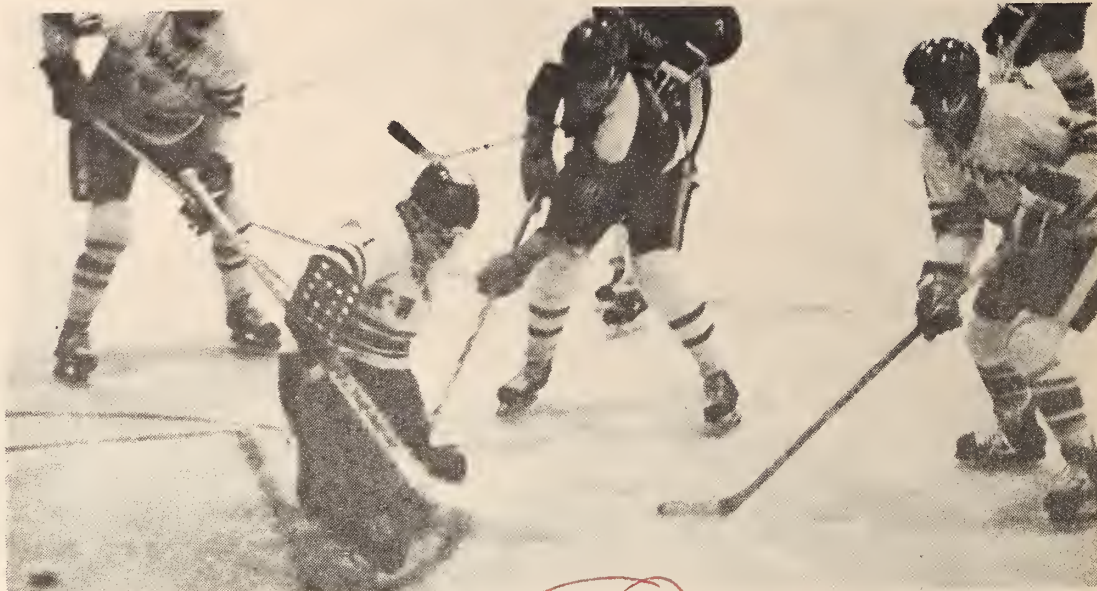
"We're going to have to forecheck the hell out of them" said Young of the upcoming St. Clair game. "The Saints play tough in our end, so we have to neutralize that."

Last Wednesday night's game was played with a special rule mandatory in oldtimer's games: no bodychecking. In the early going, the no hitting threw the Condors off their forechecking game, and the Oldtimers managed to stay close.

Daryl MacNeil scored a pair of first period goals, while Tim Allen netted one to give the Condors a 3-2 lead after a period. Jim Olender and Bob Hustwill scored for the Oldtimers.

The teams traded goals in the second period. The Condors went up 4-2 on Dave Aulak's goal early in the period. But the seniors got one of their own less than five minutes later from Dave Ellis for a 4-3 score after two periods.

Three unanswered third period goals put the game on ice for the Condors, as the Oldtimers ran out of steam. Allen scored his second of the night, while Neil Diefenbaker and Tim Hurley added singles to round out the Condors scoring.



One of the ten goals scored in the Condors/Oldtimers game.

Conestoga squash league

A squash league was formed and is presently under way at the athletic complex on the Doon Campus. It started January 11, according to Chuck Mathies of the A.S.A., the league's organizer.

"We had a good response last term and I wanted to get something going, on an on going basis," said Mathies of this decision to start a squash league.

The co-ed league consists of six teams each with a total of six

players. Mathies assigned players to teams according to their level of play.

"The level of play ranges from beginner to advanced. The people rated their own level of play and then I assigned them to teams," said Mathies.

There is no cost to play in the league except for the \$2 court fee per game. There is also a racquet rental fee for students who don't have their own.

"This is an opportunity to meet other people," Mathies

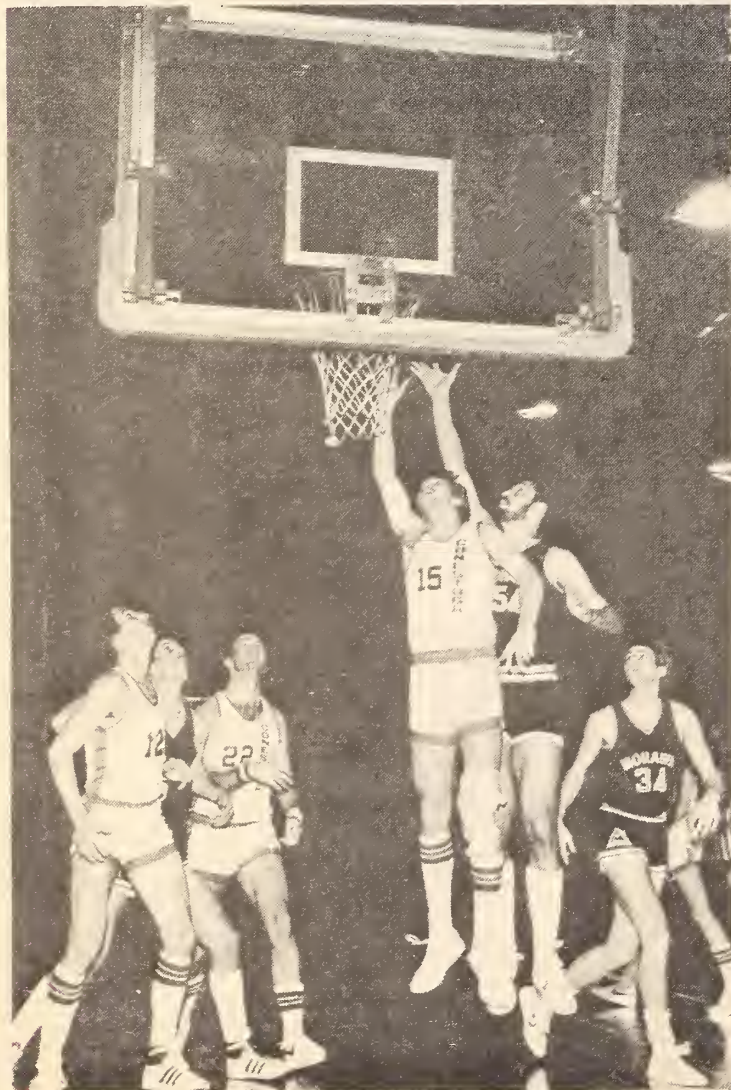
said.

Sign-ups for the league are closed, but Mathies is planning to set up a squash ladder when it comes to a close. It is set to start in March.

Until then there will be clinics offered to help beginners and to sharpen old pros.

"The courts have been open since the third week of September .. they were used quite extensively during November and December and we hope it will pick up again."

Foul troubles contribute to Condors loss



The Condors came close but failed to capture a win in Wednesday night's game against the Mohawk Mountaineers. After 40 minutes of play it was Mohawk 82, Condors 74.

Conestoga took the lead early in the game and at times led by as much as six points, but Mohawk took the initiative in the last 10 minutes of play and capitalized on the Condors' mistakes.

The first 20 minutes of play ended with the Condors leading the Mountaineers 45-39. Conestoga looked confident in the first half but lost some poise during the break.

Although both teams played a solid game, Conestoga's defence broke down in the second half of the game. The ball was given away too often and too many penalties also contributed to the Condors' loss.

Condors' coach Chuck Mathies agreed the team just did not perform as well in the second half.

"There were too many fouls and too many turnovers in the second half," he said. "I still think that they (Condors) could have beaten them (Mountaineers)."

Despite the loss, number 12 for the Condors, George Tinnies had another productive night with 23 points. Wayne Munroe and Jim Gordon also played well with 12 and 11 points respectively.

Number 54, Peter Stoyakovich, led the Mountaineers with 21 points. Dave Boorsman got 19 points and Perry Kasulak added another 17 points towards the Mohawk win.

The Condors now have six wins and four losses in the season. They are in third place behind Mohawk and Fanshawe.

Despite a 45 to 39 lead in the early stages of the game and with great plays by players like number 15, Jim Gordon, the Condors lost to the Mohawk Mountaineers 82 to 74. The Condors are currently in third place behind Fanshawe and Mohawk.

Sports week

- Jan. 18 - Co-ed Broomball League begins
X-Country Ski Lessons 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
- 19 - Women's Intramural Basketball League begins 4:30 p.m.
Women's Squash Clinic (for beginners only) 11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Cost: 50¢ - sign up at Control Desk
- 20 - Men's Hockey, Humber at Conestoga, Conestoga Centre 8:00 p.m.
Men's Varsity Basketball, Cambrian at Conestoga 6:00 p.m.
Men's Ball Hockey League begins
X-Country Ski Lessons 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
- 21 - Badminton Night 8:00 - 10:30 p.m.
Men's Squash Clinic 11:30 - 12:10 (beginners), 12:10 - 1:30 (advanced)
Cost: 50¢ - sign up at Control Desk, Conestoga Centre
- 22 - Men's Basketball, Canadore at Conestoga, Conestoga Centre 3:00 p.m.
Men's Hockey, Canadore at Conestoga, Conestoga Centre 3:00 p.m.
- 23 - Exhibition Hockey 1:30 p.m.
Exhibition Basketball, Royal Military College at Conestoga 1:30 p.m.
- 23 & 24 - Women's Volleyball Interlock 4:00 p.m. Sat. to 2:00 p.m. Sun., at Conestoga Centre